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RENOUNCE DIRT ROAD IDEA

People Voted for Hard Surfaces, Legislators Are Reminded

Jefferson City, July 5.—The most important road in the state is the one connecting Kansas City and St. Louis. John Malang, of Joplin, formerly secretary of the state highway commission, told the house roads committee at its public hearing today.

Malang and others pointed out that any road plan adopted by the legislature should take into consideration the interests of the larger cities, which must pay the bulk of the 60 million dollars of road bonds. The former highway official is the author of the Malang plan of primary and secondary roads, which has aroused the resentment of the rural districts. Is appearing before the committee today, Malang showed such a complete knowledge of the road problem in Missouri that even the "barrel dirt roaders" were unable to puncture his arguments.

Representative Elmer of Bates County explained his bill to the committee. It provides that 25 million, plus federal aid, be used on a primary road system, and the remaining 35 millions on a secondary system. Although his plan differs from Malang's, he also insisted that any road bill passed by the legislature to endure must do justice to the cities which pay a large portion of the motor car license fees.

"We don't need to legislate for mud roads," Elmer told the committee, "for we have them now."

Elmer said the cities and larger towns will give most of the money to pay the road bonds and that Bates

County, which he represents, contributes little. He added that he did not propose to have the cities deprived of their rights for the benefit of his county.

Harry W. Graham of Chillicothe told the committee that the people last November voted for hard surfaced roads, and not for dirt roads. Graham represents the Chillicothe chamber of commerce and the farm bureau of Livingston County.

Malang was quizzed by legislators today concerning representations made last fall by organizations opposing the bond issue. Malang said the amendment adopted spoke for itself and any representations made had no bearing on what the legislature should do.

"The reason the people voted for the road bonds was because they believed they would get their roads for nothing—and that the motor car owners would pay them," Malang continued.

Hyde Names 5 Judges to Take Places of K. C. J. Ps.

Jefferson City, June 28.—Governor Hyde late Tuesday afternoon named five men as new municipal judges to supplant Kansas City justices of the peace. The names:

Pierre R. Porter, "anti-boss." Eugene E. Bowers, Republican. Howard Jamison, "anti-boss." Sutton R. Layton, Democrat. Michael H. Joyce, Democrat.

The status of the men named Tuesday is doubtful, pending decision of the supreme court on whether the secretary of state shall accept referendum petitions on the law abolishing the justices of the peace and creating the new Kansas City courts.

THE FOURTH IN BATES COUNTY

Heavy Rains Spoiled the Fun in Most Places. No Celebration in Butler.

Butler was about the quietest place that one could have found Monday, July 4th. No celebration had been planned and those who remained in town were compelled to stay in the house to keep out of the rain which fell during the greater part of the day. Many made an early start for Nevada and some few to Rich Hill and Amsterdam, where celebrations were scheduled to be held. But those who failed to get an early start were doomed to spend the day at home as rain commenced falling about 10 o'clock and in a few minutes the roads were impassable. Several of those who had started to Nevada, where the Butler team was billed to play ball that afternoon, abandoned their automobiles at Rich Hill and took the train for the remainder of the trip. Some of those who did finish the trip in their cars failed to get back until some time Tuesday.

The Butler band, 25 strong, under the direction of Prof. Fisk went to Nevada, where they furnished the music for the celebration. It is needless to say that they made their usual hit as that is a foregone conclusion. Herbert WeMott, the vocal soloist, sang several songs in his usual inimitable manner.

Miss Edna LaFrance and Mr. David Stephenson, two prominent young people of Adrian were married at the Methodist parsonage in that city Friday afternoon, June 24th, 1921, the Rev. J. W. Needham officiating, says the Journal.

A BIG "SANE FOURTH" TOLL

Death List by Drowning and Other Causes is Growing.

New York, July 5.—The "safe and sane" Fourth of July of yesterday, while singularly free of accidents as the result of fireworks, resulted in a heavy toll of fatalities, probably approaching the death lists of the old time celebrations. Reports from throughout the country add to the heavy toll.

Efforts to escape from the extreme heat can be blamed for a majority of the fatalities while motor car accidents also added to the toll. In New York nine lost their lives by drowning. Hundreds of thousands stormed the beaches to seek relief from the heat. It is possible others may have lost their lives.

According to a dispatch from Detroit, eleven persons met death in the holiday period in Michigan. Six were drowned, four were victims of motor car crashes and another, a child, died as the result of eating a firecracker.

Judging from reports from St. Louis and elsewhere Fourth of July became "suicide day" for a number of persons. In St. Louis alone at least four ended their own lives.

St. Louis, July 5.—The bodies of four suicides are in morgues here today as the known toll of the last twenty-four hours and the murky waters of the Mississippi River are being searched for the bodies of two others, thought to have drowned themselves.

W. W. Ruble was down from Kansas City one day the last of the week attending to business matters and shaking hands with his many friends in this vicinity.

R. A. LANGENBACHER TO RETIRE AS COUNTY AGENT

Accepts Re-election With Provision He May Resign Next February.

R. A. Langenbacher, County Farm Agent for Bates County, was unanimously reelected County Farm Agent by the new Board of Directors of the Farm Bureau at their first meeting Saturday.

Mr. Langenbacher accepted with the proviso that his resignation would be accepted by the board to take effect on February 1, 1922, at which time he plans to retire from the work of county agent and assume active charge of the Acme Stock Farms near Minneapolis, Minn., of which he is one of the principal stockholders.

The new board expressed themselves as highly pleased with the work of Mr. Langenbacher in the past and expressed regret that he had decided to retire from this line of work.

Mr. Langenbacher has served as county agent for Bates county since July 1919 and has proven himself highly efficient in the work. He is eminently fitted for the work, and besides being a practical farmer and

stockman, he is a graduate of Minnesota University. Mr. Langenbacher has handled his work here to the almost universal satisfaction of the farmers of the county, and the effects of his untiring efforts may be seen in every section of the county in improved and scientific methods of cultivation and improved breeding strains. He is a valuable man in the Agricultural educational field and it is to be regretted that he has decided to enter into another field.

The Board of Directors also re-elected Miss Blanche McCook stenographer for the ensuing year.

A New Bandstand.

The new band stand in the southeast corner of the court house yard is about completed and is a much larger and better structure than the old one which has been torn down. The new structure which is octagonal in shape is located about half between the corner of the yard and the courthouse, thus giving room for an audience to gather on all sides of it to enjoy concerts and other entertainments. The floor, which is six feet from the concrete foundation is reached by stairs running up underneath and the door leading to the outside will be kept locked at all times. The roof is of green slate surface shingles and is pagoda shaped.

The money used in the construction was subscribed by the business men of the town and some of the work was donated, Staver & Kummer, the contractors, donating one day of their time and their tools and equipment.

Miss Ione Capps, of Rich Hill, visited friends in this city the last of the week.

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JULY CLEARING SALE

This is the Biggest Buying Event of the Season

Entire Stock of Ladies Silk Dresses, Dress Skirts, Silk Petticoats Summer Silk Skirts at

HALF PRICE

Radical Reductions in all Departments of our Big Store. No Exchanges—Nothing Sent Out On Approval—Every Sale Final

A STRICTLY CASH SALE

50 White wash skirts, guaranteed not to shrink, \$4.50 to \$8.50 values at **\$3.48**

Entire stock Ladies Organdie and Swiss Dresses, \$18.50 to \$25.00 values at **\$12.50**

Entire stock Ladies Spring Suits, values up to \$45. J. C. price **\$15.00**

R. & S. Corsets of batiste and summer netting, \$2.00 values at **\$1.39**

20 PER CENT DISCOUNT on all Curtain Nets and Marquisettes

Ladies Blouses and Over Blouses, values \$7.50 to \$15.00 **One-Third Off**

Colored Organdies, new shades, sheer and permanent finish, 45 inch, \$1.25 values at yd. **85c**

Ladies Fibre Silk Hose, black and white all sizes, J. C. price pair **75c**

Turkish Towels, large size 50c value **25c**

Powder Puffs, good size at **5c**

64 inch Table Damask, 98c value at yd. **65c**

Linen Torchon Lace, 10c and 15c values at yd. **5c**

Dress Voiles 36 to 40 inch, up to 75c values, J. C. P. yd. **35c**

Entire Stock Children Gingham Dresses, One-third off regular price

Dress Voiles, 40 inches wide, good patterns, 25c values at yd. **15c**

75 Georgette Blouses, new colors and styles, values up to \$7.50 at **\$3.50**

Black and Brown Strap Kid Pumps, Cuban heels, all sizes, at **\$3.75**

Dress Voiles and fancy Organdies, 40 inch up to \$1.50 values at yd. **69c**

50 pairs Ladies white Oxfords and Pumps, French heels, \$8 values at **\$3.00**

Ladies and Misses French heel pumps and oxfords, black and brown at **HALF PRICE**

50 pairs Ladies white shoes, oxfords and pumps at **\$1.35**

Smiths Axminster Rugs, 7x12 seamed, floral and oriental patterns **\$24 to \$27.50**

Smiths Brussels Rugs, seamless, floral and oriental patterns at **\$18.50**

Smiths Axminster, Seamless Rugs, floral and patterns at **\$20.75**

Crex Rugs, Congoleum Rugs, Window Shades, Curtain Rods.

July Clearing in Our Men's Clothing Department

75 Mens and Young Mens Suits, all wool, up to \$40 values, all this season's styles at **\$26.00**

30 per cent discount on all Trunks, Suit Cases, and grips, for your vacation trip

50 Mens and Young Mens suits, all wool, new styles up to \$37.50 values at **\$15.00**

Mens Dress Shirts, \$5.00 values at **\$3.00**

Mens Athletic Union Suits, all sizes at **85c**

Boys Dress Shirts \$1.25 values at **95c**

Boys Dress Oxfords \$4.00 values at **\$1.98**

Mens Dress Shirts \$1.50 values at **95c**

Mens Work Shirts, full cut, all sizes, J. C. R. **85c**

Boys best Overalls, sizes 4 to 16 years at **\$1.50**

Mens Knit and Fleece-Knit Union Suits, all sizes at **\$1.00**

Mens Dress Pants, all wool, \$6.00 values at **\$3.50**

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